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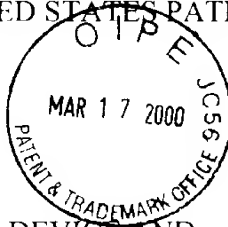
In re Patent Application of

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 15, 2000, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 28-39 without prejudice to applicants' right to file a division application with respect thereto.

Please add new claims 40-45 as follows:

- 40. A semiconductor device according to claim 1 is applied to an EL display device.
- 41. A semiconductor device according to claim 2 is applied to an EL display device.
- 42. A semiconductor device according to claim 3 is applied to an EL display device.
- 43. A semiconductor device according to claim 4 is applied to an EL display device.
- 44. A semiconductor device according to claim 5 is applied to an EL display device.
- 45. A semiconductor device according to claim 6 is applied to an EL display device.--

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of February 15, 2000. Applicants hereby elect without traverse the Group I claims - that is, claims 1-27 drawn to a semiconductor device.

New independent claims 40-45 have also been added. These new independent claims are supported by at least Example 12 of the specification.

Examination on the merits is requested.

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